## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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## GTE NORTHWEST INCORPORATED RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE TWNETY-FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Pursuant to the Commission's Notice dated May 17, 2000, GTE Northwest Incorporated ("GTE") hereby submits its response to the Commission Staff's Request for Clarification of the Twenty-Fourth Supplemental Order (the "Order").

GTE understands from Paragraphs 67, 76 and 80 of the Order that the Commission has adopted the deaveraging proposal put forth by the CLECs in their post hearing briefs for GTE's 2-wire loop rates. GTE has been able to verify by inspection that the lines used in that proposal are the current GTE line counts used by David Tucek to develop GTE's deaveraging proposals. Therefore, GTE finds no uncertainty as to which line counts support the ordered rates.

Also, since the Malden, Thorton, Loomis and Fairfield wire centers are assigned to Zone 5 in the Joint CLEC proposal, GTE assumes those wire centers are in the ordered Zone 6. This is so even though these wire centers were omitted from the Order's appendix. GTE has no objection to clarifying the Order's appendix to include these wire centers.

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Dated: May 22, 2000

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that an original and 19 copies of GTE Northwest Incorporated's Response to Requests Clarification for were sent by fax and overnight mail to Carole J. Washburn, Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250 and to parties below by fax and regular mail. A courtesy copy was sent by electronic mail to the presiding officer and the Commission's consultant, Dr. Gable.

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